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Stepping back in time to a bygone era of the Liberty Seated coin design period, both far and wide, and a little before & after...



See Page 6 about these beauties - 1873 N/A Liberty Seated Half Dollar major varieties



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E-Gobrecht's
18th Year
2014-2022

Welcome to the
following new LSCC
Members this month:

Francis Falgiano
Jared Knee
Katie Robucci
Derrick Snyder

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President's Message

Welcome to the April 2022 E-Gobrecht. By now, LSCC members should have received their Spring issue of The Gobrecht Journal with its newest designed cover by Club member Jim Macor.. Jim professionally updates the front & back cover design each year at the start of the next annual volume.

Elsewhere in this issue, see the recap of the Liberty Seated related articles appearing in the Spring issue of The Gobrecht Journal.

Club officers are again looking forward to seeing everyone at the revived Central States Numismatic Convention (CSNS) at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, Schaumburg, IL (near Chicago) later this month. See page 12 for more details.

...Len Augsburger

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Editor's View From the Rim

Liberty Seated Outreach to Local Coin Clubs and more...

In early March, the Liberty Seated Collectors Club began a major outreach to local coin clubs across the country. E-Gobrecht (January issue), information about the LSCC and Liberty Seated specialty collecting was shared with as many local coin club members as possible through their local club's email contacts.

Then a 2nd issue of E-Gobrecht (February issue) was followed up through an additional email in late March. As a result, greater recognition of a Liberty Seated specialty club around for almost 50 years (50th Anniversary in 2023) was successfully achieved.

Many, many positive responses were received either by the respective local club contacts or by actual club members who got the word. The outreach program is intended to spread the word about Christian Gobrecht designed series and denominations which are highly collectable and sought out by both novice and serious collectors today.

All this should translate to more collectors visiting the LSCC Club Table and Meetings with Educational Programs at area coin show events ...PK

Benjamin Franklin

The recently aired and new PBS documentary "Benjamin Franklin" by Ken Burns is as important today as Benjamin Franklin was during his day (the early days of America)!



New Cover for The Gobrecht Journal

Yes, you have to see the latest issue of The Gobrecht Journal, LSCC's glossy full-color, magazine style, printed publication.

It has its newly designed cover by Jim Macor that we as members all look forward to seeing at the beginning of each year.

If only we had more people today with his brilliant intellect, diverse talents and dedication to American democracy and freedoms. Franklin was also an excellent writer, printer, inventor, negotiator and a highly respected person. The program is well worth watching!



The current Spring issue of The Gobrecht Journal

by Greg Johnson and John Frost



The Spring issue of The Gobrecht Journal comes with a new cover by LSCC member Jim Macor. The cover features 1853 No Arrows issues and both the Philadelphia and New Orleans mints. Articles include:

- ***The Transitional Coins Struck at the New Orleans Mint***, by Craig Eberhart, highlighting the half dimes through half dollars in 1840 and 1841
- ***A Unique Piece from the McCloskey Collection***, by Greg Johnson, featuring an off-center 1853-O Arrows and Rays quarter
- ***U.S. Mint Die Records, 1880-1886***, by Len Augsburger, from the die record notebook of A.W. Straub
- ***The 1849/1849, Dramatically Doubled Date Liberty Seated Half Dollar - "The Rodney Dangerfield Coin"***, by Dennis Fortier
- ***A Rogues Gallery of Chop Marked Liberty Seated Half Dollars***, by Dennis Fortier
- ***Surreal Summer Seated Surprise***, by Charles Manske with nearly 50 coins illustrated.

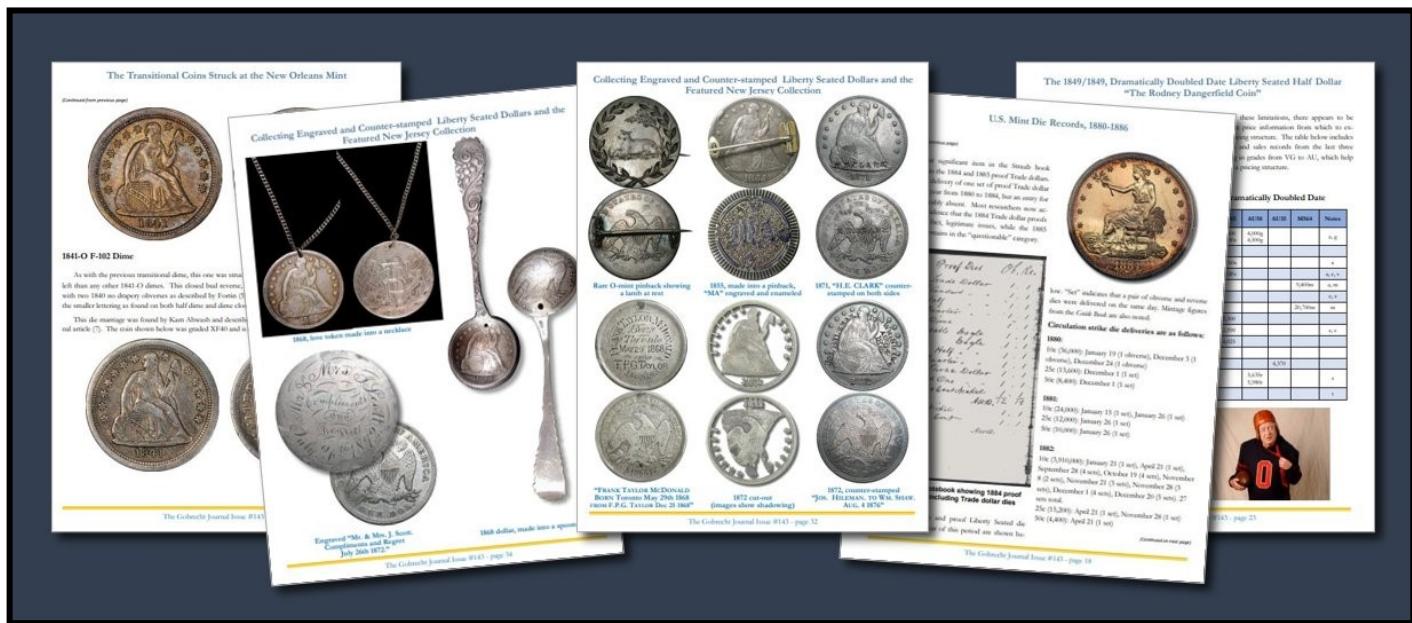


Spring issue of The Gobrecht Journal cont.

There is also an extensive article and Featured Collection from Carl Feldman on ***Collecting Engraved and Counter-stamped Liberty Seated Dollars***, based on the exhibit at the recent FUN show and with nearly 50 coins illustrated.

Also included are two surveys for 2022:

- ‘Carson City’ Liberty Seated Half Dollars (Date set and rare die marriages)
- ‘Chop Marked’ Liberty Seated Coinage (Trade dollars and all other denominations)



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On the Cover of this month's E-Gobrecht

Shown are some awesome 1873 No Arrows (N/A) Liberty Seated Half Dollars contributed by Bill Bugert that will be featured in his forthcoming "Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Varieties - Volume VI, Philadelphia Mint 1853 to 1873 N/A by Bill Bugert.

The top two images are of a gorgeous and rare 1873 N/A Closed 3 WB-5 variety and die marriage

The bottom two images are of an attractive quality 1873 N/A Open 3 WB-6 variety and die marriage



Regional News

by Dennis Fortier, LSCC #2016

The April Showers of Shows

April is lining up to be a very busy month for the Regional Team. Georgia, New Hampshire, Illinois and Connecticut will all see the LSCC banner raised this month. There will also be a new member of the Regional Team making his debut behind the table as well as some old friends helping out. So, let's get started.

April 8-9, The Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show, Dalton (GA) Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road. The Club will be making its first appearance at this fine show. Ken Otto a long standing member of the Club will also be making his first foray into working the Club table. Ken has a marvelous collection of Liberty Seated Half Dollars so there will definitely be some eye candy on display. Dennis Fortier and Ken look forward to meeting all our members in the Georgia/ South Carolina/ Tennessee areas.

April 15-16, The New Hampshire Coin Expo, Manchester, NH, Double Tree Hotel, 700 Elm Street. Joe Casazza the Northeast Regional Director (The NERD) will host the Club table and begin our 9th year at this fine regional show.

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April 28-30, Central States Numismatic Society Convention and Coin Show, Renaissance Schaumburg (IL) Hotel and Convention Center, 1551 North Thoreau Drive. Club President Len Augsburger will host the Club table and educational forum. Ken Otto, Craig Eberhart and Dennis Fortier will also be working the table. The show has a new promotor who is enthusiastic to have the LSCC back at this year's show. We look forward to seeing many members from the area, so be sure to stop by and say hello.

May 1, The Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club's Annual Show, Holiday Inn, 10 Laura Blvd, Norwich, CT. LSCC member and Liberty Seated Half Society Vice-President Verne Pitman will host the LSCC Club table. He will present a fine display of Liberty Seated Half Dollars for the ultra-low mintage years of 1879 thru 1890, as well as the four collectable regular issue Twenty-Cent pieces (Double Dimes) for 1875-1876. This is a fine area show with PVCC club members who only set-up to sell at this one annual show.

The Whitman Baltimore Coin Expo was a grand time earlier this month. As always, the show was well organized; the Whitman staff is very accommodating and helpful. Nine LSCC members attended the Club dinner at Pratt Street Ale House on Thursday night and twenty-three members and guests attended the Club meeting on Friday morning. It was nice to see some first-timers at both the dinner and meeting. Several members renewed their membership and one new member was signed-up.

This past month Dennis Fortier attended the Tennessee State Numismatic Association's Annual show in Chattanooga. There he met with Kate Williams, the show's new promoter and made arrangements for a Club table and an education program at next year's show.

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Photos from the recent Whitman Baltimore Spring Coin Show



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LSCC Table Images from the recent Whitman Baltimore Spring Coin Show



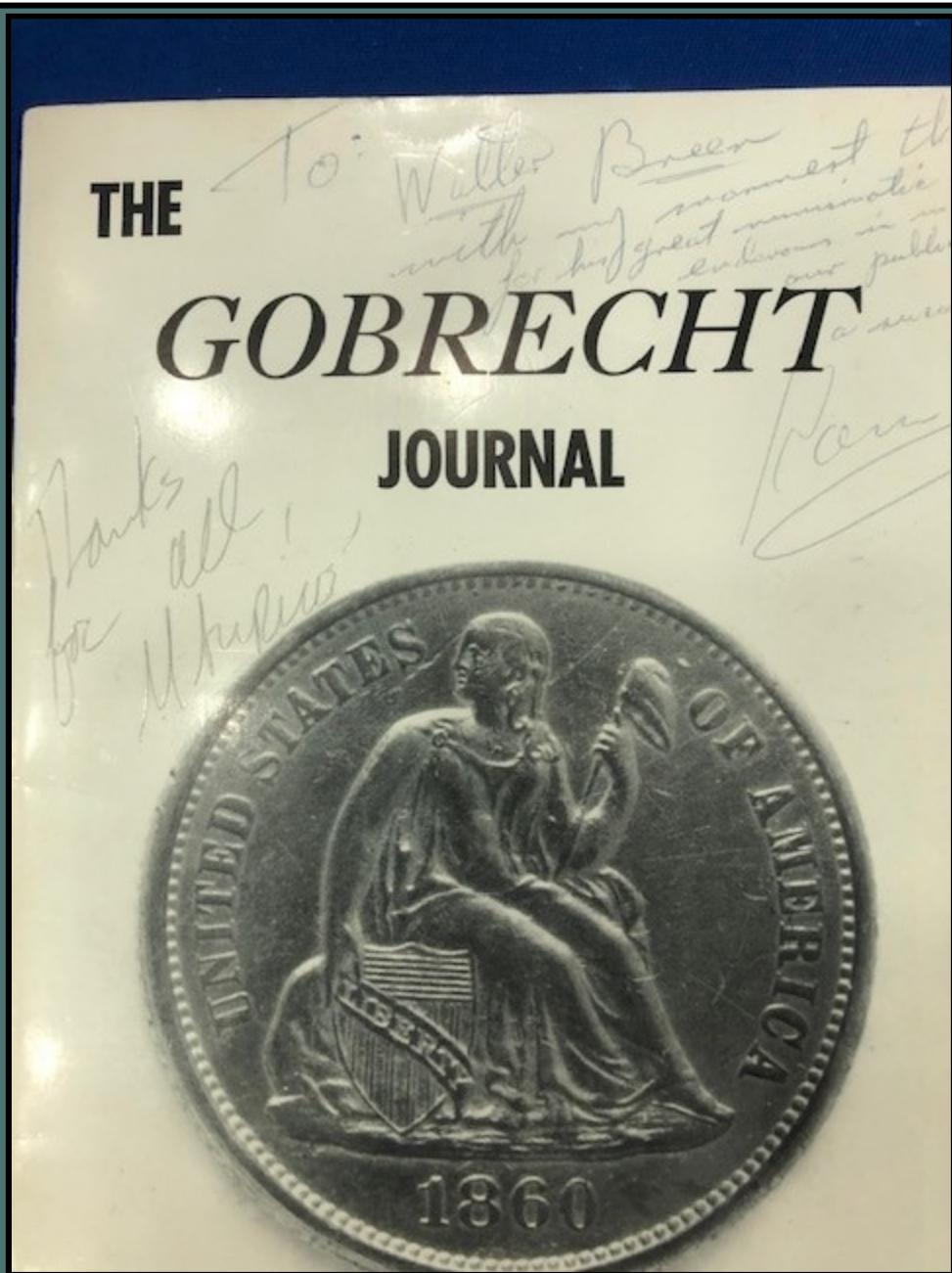
Very cool items were displayed by the Club in Baltimore. Details to follow in future articles. Club officers and members of the Regional Team manned the table at various times: Dennis Fortier, John Frost, Joe Casazza, Carl Feldman and Ken Otto. Gobrecht Journal & E-Gobrecht Editors Greg Johnson and Paul Kluth were never far away, and future team members John Lundsten and Sergio Torres were covering the sidelines. So many other members and visitors made the table a beehive of activity. More on this LSCC Regional Meeting in the May issue.



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Regional News cont.



Just look at the signatures on this very first ever issue of The Gobrecht Journal
Or take a guess?

Special Note: During the Baltimore Show, the Roy Ash Family made a generous donation of \$500.00 to the LSCC's 50th Anniversary fund.



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LSCC Upcoming 2022 Regional Events Schedule

** Details Mostly Finalized*

April 8-10 Georgia Numismatic Assoc. Coin Show, Dalton Convention Center, Dalton, GA - Club Table and Educational Program

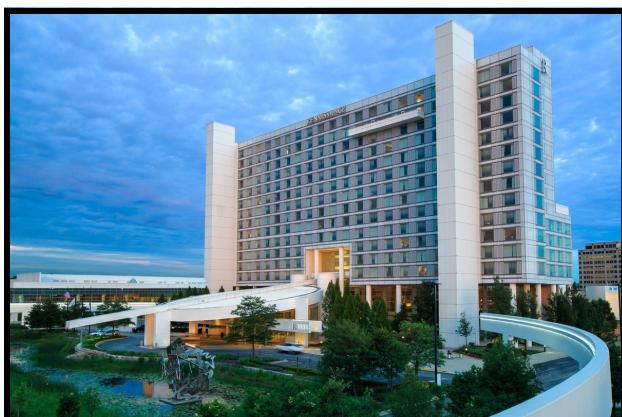
& Convention Center, Schaumburg, IL (Chicago area) - Club Meeting, Club Table, Club Dinner and Educational Program TBA.

April 15-16 New Hampshire Coin & Currency Expo, Doubletree Hotel Downtown Manchester, Manchester, NH - Club Table and Educational Program TBA.

May 1 Pawcatuck Valley Coin Show (PVCC), Holiday Inn, Norwich, CT - Club Table

April 27-29 Central States Numismatic Society Convention (CSNS is back), Renaissance Hotel

Note: Updates provided as they become available, but always check the organization's show website for further details and any last minutes changes.



Upcoming Major Coin/Currency Auctions for Liberty Seated Collectors

April 5-8, 2022 - "Spring 2022 Showcase Auction" held in conjunction with the Whitman Baltimore Spring Coin Expo, but to be held in Costa Mesa, CA & online. Includes Capped Bust and Liberty Seated half dollars from the Abigail Collection, Part II. by Stack's Bowers Galleries. (<https://www.stacksbowers.com>) (Refer to website for full details)

Major Auctions by Heritage and Legend are scheduled for the upcoming CSNS Convention in late April 2022.

LSCC Member Application Form at:

http://www.lsccweb.org/LSCC_Membership.pdf





LSCC returns to ANA Summer Seminar!

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the ANA Summer Seminar is back and the LSCC is presenting two classes at this premier event, one during each session. Summer Seminar is held adjacent to ANA Headquarters at Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

Session 1 is June 18-23 and Session 2 is June 25-30. Both classes have limits on the number of students, so reserve early. The course catalog and registration information may be found at the ANA website, www.money.org/summer-seminar.

Session 1 - June 18-23 - Course #9

Developing a Passion for Liberty Seated Coinage (back by popular demand!)

This course features interactive discussions on many topics, including the history and development of Liberty Seated coinage, evolution of the designs, and grading, including the nuances between series.

The core of the class features a deep dive into each of the seven series: half dimes, dimes, twenty-cent pieces, quarters, halves, and both Liberty Seated and Trade dollars.

These deep dives entail *hand's on inspection* of many coins in all grades in all series, and will include in-depth discussions into collecting strategies, key dates, major varieties, and variety attribution. Historical perspectives on various topics will be offered throughout the course. Students will have access to both reference materials and sit-down guidance from instructors throughout the course.

Instructors: John Frost (LSCC Education Director), Len Augsburger (LSCC President) and Craig Eberhart (Auction column, noted New Orleans coinage expert).

Session 2 - June 25-30 - Course #32

The Legacy and Coinage of Father-Son Mint Engravers William and Charles Barber

This course will explore the history and coinage designed by 5th and 6th Chief Mint Engravers, William Barber (1869-1879) and Charles Barber (1880-1917). This hands-on class will study in detail all 6 circulation coin series bridging from the late 19th into the early 20th century. This includes William Barber's Trade dollars and twenty-cent pieces, along with Charles Barber's Liberty nickels, Barber dimes, quarters and half dollars.

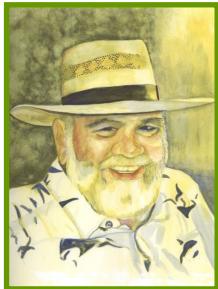
Deep dives entail *hand's on inspection* of many coins in all grades in all series, and will include in-depth discussions into collecting strategies, key dates and major varieties.

In addition, we will explore the patterns and mint medals created by these prolific engravers, along with their designs of commemoratives and coins of other countries that were made under contract with the U.S. Mint.

Instructors: John Frost, LSCC Education Director and Barber Coin Collectors' Society President, and Glenn Holsonbake, Americana Rare Coin.

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The Auction Realm

by Craig Eberhart, LSCC #1348

Coming next month: Liberty Seated Half Dollars from the Abigail Collection auction sale

[Editor's Note]: Between late March and early April, Stack's Bowers Auctions is selling the Abigail Collection of Liberty Seated Half Dollars which Craig will cover next month with some interesting information and commentary. Craig is on a brief hiatus this month.

Announcement: Call for LSCC Hall of Fame Nominations for 2022 (Due by April 15)

Send to: Dennis Fortier at ricajun@msn.com or 215 Pomeroy Drive, Crossville, TN 38558

Nominator _____ LSCC Member Yes / No

Nominee _____ Provide the following information to assist with selection:

Time as LSCC Club Officer or Leader / Position

Collections Built, including grade and as many specifics as possible

Published Writings (Liberty Seated Books, Articles, etc.)

Club Contributions (promoting or assisting the LSCC in its mission)

Numismatic or LSCC Awards

Miscellaneous Data that might add to Nominee's consideration & Nominators Comments

*** LSCC Club Auction Donation Announcement ***

2022 Annual Meeting during Summer ANA Convention

Donations and consignments are requested to support club efforts.

Liberty Seated Coins, Exonumia and Books
are wanted by June 1st in time for the ANA Annual Club Meeting.

Please contact Club VP Dennis Fortier at ricajun@msn.com to donate or consign.



Press Release: 100% of Profits from Sale of Zelensky Medals will be Contributed to Help Ukrainians in Their Homeland and as Refugees



The non-profit Jewish-American Hall of Fame has commissioned Jim Licaretz, a former sculptor-engraver at the U.S. Mint, to create a bold heroic portrait of Ukraine's valiant President Volodymyr Zelensky for a limited edition of large 3½ inch art medals — which are being offered to the public, with 100% of the profits being contributed to aid the embattled Ukrainians in their homeland and as refugees.

The reverse of the medals feature Zelensky's inspirational words "Our truth is that this is our land," and the state seal of Ukraine. The quote is an excerpt from a speech, in which Zelensky said: "We are not putting down arms. We will be defending our country, because our weapon is truth, and our truth is that this is our land, our country, our children, and we will defend all of this."

Licaretz created the original model in resin using a 3-D printer. He then made a mold and will cast medals in bonded bronze, each of which Licaretz will hand finished.

Volodymyr Oleksandrovych Zelensky was born to Jewish parents on January 27, 1978 in Kryvyi Rih, then in the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. Zelensky's great-grandfather and his three great-granduncles died in the Holocaust.

Zelensky earned a degree in law from the Kyiv National Economic University. He then pursued comedy and created a company which produced films, cartoons, and TV shows including the TV series Servant of the People, in which Zelensky played the role of the Ukrainian president. In 2019, Zelensky actually won the Ukrainian Presidential election with over 73 per cent of the votes.

No more than 199 Zelensky commemorative medals will be issued, each accompanied by a certificate of authenticity and a stand so that it can be proudly exhibited in a home or office. The cost is \$150 plus \$15 per order for shipping, with a limit of 3 medals per person. If all medals are sold, a contribution of about \$15,000 will be made to help the Ukrainian victims of Russian aggression. **To order, send payment to the non-profit Jewish-American Hall of Fame, 5189 Jeffdale Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91364, or call 818-225-1348, or pay with PayPal using the email address of: directorjahf@yahoo.com.**

Pictures of the newly designed and limited quantity medal are shown above, courtesy of Jim Licaretz. Submitted by Mel Wacks, Director of the Jewish-American Hall of Fame and 60 Year Member of ANA.

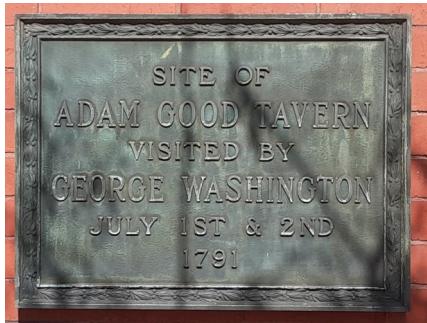


The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

In Washington's Footsteps

In conjunction with the recent Baltimore coin show, capably hosted by Whitman from March 31 to April 2, a few of us visited Paul Kluth's latest venture, the Ambassadors general store and private residence club in Taneytown, MD. The drive from downtown Baltimore toward Taneytown is full of suburban strip malls, tract developments, and the like, but Taneytown is an older community with a more colorful, vintage downtown area. Ambassadors is situated at 6-8 Frederick St. on the site of the old Adam Good Tavern. A bronze plaque greets visitors with the fact that President Washington visited the Tavern in 1791 while traveling north to Philadelphia (where the federal government was seated prior to moving to Washington, D.C.).



Legend has it that Washington interpreted the name as "a dam good tavern". Whether true or not, it's a good story, even if the tavern was not "damn good". In any case, Paul will be challenged to live up to Washington's supposed assessment of "damn good". The Adam Good Tavern was demolished long ago, and in the late 18th century a prominent citizen (Norman Hagan) erected a stately residence on the site, with a storefront, to the right, incorporated into the structure. Hagan operated the retail space as a general store. The foundation, visible in the cellar, retains some of the original stonework from Washington's time.

The property today is massive, with an addition added behind the storefront in the 1950s, to accommodate a bowling alley. Graffiti from the pinsetters remains evident on the back wall of the addition, which today serves as workshop space. Paul notes the total size of the complex is 7,500 square feet, while my eyeball estimate was a bit higher. In any case, he has plenty of space to build the business.

The storefront previously operated as an antique store, until 2008, and has been vacant since. The store inventory was left behind, and Paul has been busily organizing the contents for a relaunch this month. He intends to initially open the store on the weekends. The residence portion of the property will be offered for non-profit use, group events, gallery space, and other purposes.

Paul hosted lunch for the three of us (Bill Bugert and Dennis Fortier were also in attendance) and a good time was had by all. I'm looking forward to seeing what Paul continues to do with the space and build the business. Check it out on your next trip to the Baltimore show, or if you are simply passing through the area.



Missing the Boat

“Gobrecht” Bust Half Dollars #3 by Jim Koenings, LSCC #2798 & JRCS #048

I “Missed the Boat” in 1988 when I had the opportunity to buy Jules Reiver’s “Variety Identification Manual (VIM) for United States Reeded Edge Half Dollars, 1836-1839” for only \$10. In November 2009, I purchased a slightly used Jules’ VIM on eBay for \$25 and decided to try collecting them. With the help of Dick Graham, who wrote the most important book ever written on the subject “A Registry of Die Varieties of Reeded Edge Half Dollars, 1836-1839”. Today, I am the leading collector of “Gobrecht” halves. Jules Reiver passed in 2002 and Dick Graham sold most of his collection in July 2021, so I am the only person left to provide you with information on the series other than Dick Graham.

By November 2017, I had 53 of the 56 known die marriages. The remaining 3 were basically non-collectable; 1838-O (9 known), 1839-O GR-2 (1 known) and 1839 GR-3 (1 known). But that was when the real FUN began. I started looking into Die States and Rotated Dies with almost no competition. At this time, I know of only one or two collectors that may be studying die stages or die states.

In March, I turned 80 years old and have been sending monthly Newsletters on the “38 Most Common Reeded Edge Marriages” since August 2019. I currently have over 100 collectors that receive these Newsletters, but only 16 of them are LSCC members, so far...

I believe LSCC members are far better equipped to study “Gobrecht” halves as they use microscopes and investigate minute details whereas John Reich Collectors Society members are forced to look at hand stamped dies that were made before Christian Gobrecht.

In a recent telephone conversation with Dick Graham, he said that he no longer collects Reeded Edge Halves and has no intention of printing any additional copies. He helped David Kahn at the recent Baltimore Coin Show and autographed the last 10 of 100 reprints of his book. He now intends to spend more time with his wife and play more rounds of golf.

DON’T “MISS THE BOAT”

If you would like to learn more about “Gobrecht” Bust Half Dollars, I suggest the following:

1. Sign up for my Newsletters by sending me your name and email address to:

Bustcoin1@verizon.net

2. Buy the following die marriages:
 - A. 1837 GR-5 (see details on next page)
 - B. 1838 GR-11 (will be discussed in May)
 - C. 1839 GR-4 (will be discussed in June)



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1837 GR-5, Late Die State

The above die marriage, with the circular die break, is very common. I found 6 specimens listed on eBay last month. I am sure you can find a specimen that fits your budget. If all 6 were sold, be patient another specimen will show up shortly. The reason I chose this die marriage is because the same obverse is used on 3 other 1837 die marriages. This die marriage comes with and without die breaks and it also comes with a rotated reverse and as not rotated.

Happy Hunting!

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